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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1074

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, DM, NG

SUBJ: DAHOMEY RECEIVES FRENCH MILITARY EQUIPMENT

ABIDJAN FOR DAO

FRENCH AMB VAN GREVENYNGHE INFORMED ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT FRENCH HAVE GIVEN DAHOMEY HALF OF EQUIPMENT LEFT BEHIND BY FRENCH MILITARY UNIT DEPARTING FROM NIGER. OTHER HALF WENT TO NIGERIAN ARMY. AMB SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SEVERAL ARMORED CARS AS HAVING BEEN TURNED OVER TO DAHOMEANS. PRES KEREKOU ASKED AMB NOT TO GIVE ANY PUBLICITY TO GIFT. REASON GIVEN WAS KEREKOU'S WISH NOT TO ANGER NEW, SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT IN NIGER. I SUSPECT EQUALLY VALID REASON FOR LIMITING KNOWLEDGE OF GIFT WAS DOMESTIC. MRGD WOULD HARDLY WISH SO OBVIOUSLY CONTRADICT BRAVE REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC WITH ACTION DEMONSTRATING DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE ON EX-METROPOLE.

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